

# Lodgepole Gallery & Tipi Village



**Browning, Montana**

**Blackfeet Country**

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A large, dark-colored tipi stands prominently in the center of the frame. Its wooden poles are visible at the top, reaching into a sky filled with vibrant orange and red clouds from a setting or rising sun. In the foreground, the dark, flat ground of a field is visible. In the background, to the left, two smaller, lighter-colored tipis are visible, suggesting a village setting. The overall mood is serene and evokes a sense of traditional Native American life.

**A Native owned business proudly private and succeeding**

# **About Lodgepole Gallery & Tipi Village**

# Short History of Lodgepole

The Lodgepole Gallery & Tipi Village was founded by Blackfeet artist and tribal member Darrell Norman (Ee-Nees-Too-Wah-See) in 1993. In the beginning Norman had three tipis and was collaborating with Curley Bear Wagner who was at the time cultural coordinator for the Blackfeet Tribe.

Norman acquired 2 more tipis and began working with Trail of the Great Bear of Waterton Park for additional bookings. As the business of the tipi camp increased and Curley Bears tours increased Norman took over the tipi camp and gallery totally with the help of his daughter Tina and his friend Bob Bedard.

In 1999 Norman married Angelika Harden, who came from Hamburg, Germany. She developed brochures and set up Lodgepole's web site.

The business increased, and they bought 3 more tipis and needed also a separate shower and toilette facility for guests. In 2000 Lodgepole Gallery and Tipi Village received a \$10,000 grant from the **Four Times Foundation**. This was the catalyst for the shower facility and in the same year Darrell Norman received also the Community Spirit Award from the **First Peoples Found**.

In 2004 the Normans converted their garage to a lounge and dining facility where art workshops and seminars could be held. Their business has increased over the 17 years it has been in operation and it is continuously growing. They own now 11 tipis and Lodgepole Gallery & Tipi Village has become an internationally known tipi Bed & Breakfast and renowned Blackfeet fine art gallery.

# Blackfeet Tipi Village

**THE TIPI B&B JUST OUTSIDE  
GLACIER PARK**

**VISITED BY PEOPLE FROM ALL  
OVER THE WORLD**



**Our Blackfoot tipi-camp is  
located two miles west of  
Browning, Montana on the  
Blackfeet Indian Reservation,  
where prairie and Rocky  
Mountains meet.**

**Our canvas tipis, which have a  
fireplace in the center, and are  
setup in a traditional Pikuni  
(Blackfoot) manner.**



# Crow's Nest Guest Lounge



**We offer Amskapi Pikuni (Southern Blackfeet) cuisine at the evening meal. Traditional specialty and gourmet meals (Buffalo, Deer, Elk, or Seafood) can be arranged.**

# Activities

- Art work shops
- Talks
- Social Events  
(dancing performance, weddings)
- Horseback riding
- Blackfeet Cultural History Tours
- Fishing
- Herbal Walks



Horse back riding with Blackfeet Guide



Art workshop for Glacier Institute



Blackfeet Cultural History Tours: Tipi ring



# Mission Statement

- The mission of the Lodgepole Gallery & Tipi Village is to cultivate Blackfoot culture and to show its beauty to the world by providing overnight stays in tipis (traditional dwelling), serving traditional food, exhibiting Northern Plains Indian contemporary and traditional fine art and raising Spanish Mustangs (original Indian horse).
- In its seventeenth year of operation, the Lodgepole Gallery & Tipi Village has hosted many people from throughout the world

in its permanent tipicamp during summers from May until September, which makes it unique in the whole state of Montana. It is the only one of its kind. Overnight and extended stays in traditional Blackfeet Indian camp in a pristine prairie setting are offered.

- Traditional and gourmet meals, historical tours, seminars on Blackfoot art and various other activities such as horseback riding and hikes with a Blackfeet guide can be arranged.

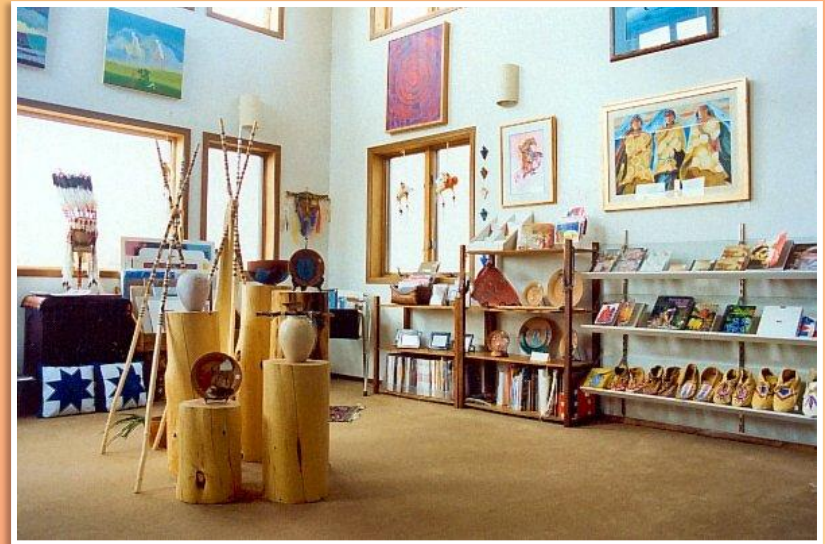
# Lodgepole Gallery

## Blackfeet Fine Art Gallery

**The first and foremost  
Blackfeet fine art gallery  
Represents Blackfeet artists  
internationally**

**Located on Hwy 89 / Durham Rd  
2 miles west of Browning**

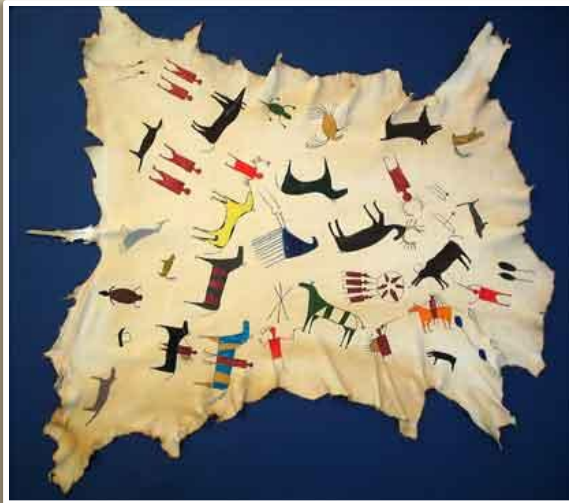
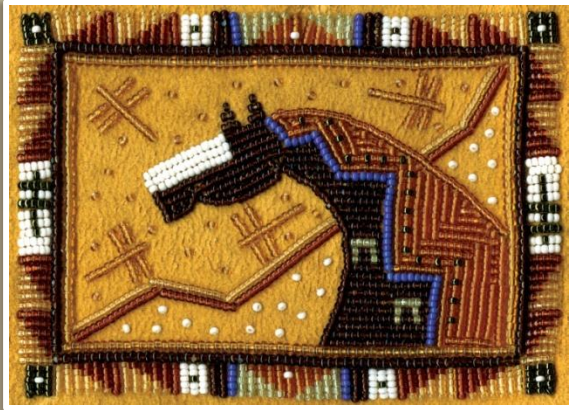
**Open:  
June – September 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily  
October – May open by appointment**



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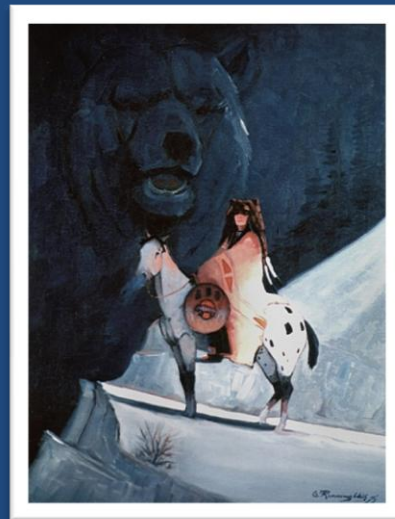
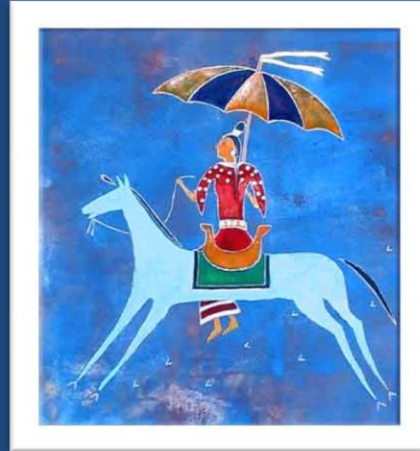
# Traditional Blackfeet Art at Lodgepole



Art work by:  
Jackie Larson Bread,  
Darrell Norman, Chrys  
Davidson and others



# Modern Blackfeet Art at Lodgepole



Art work by: Marie King, David Dragonfly, Neil Parsons, Gale Running Wolf , Ernest Marceau, Francis Wall and others



# Sunrise & Sunset at the Tipi Village



*"We share the beauty of the Blackfeet culture and country with our guests who come from all over the world. This sharing creates an understanding between cultures, enhances the economy on the reservation, and supports the continuity of the Blackfeet culture."*





# About Us

## ***Darrell Norman***

**(Ee-nees-too-wah-see / Buffalo Body) Owner and Founder**

Darrell Norman is a traditional artist, dancer, singer and enrolled member of the Blackfeet Tribe. He is also a member of the ancient Blackfeet Thunder Pipe Society and Crazy Dog Society.

Darrell received a certificate in Fine Art from the North Seattle Community College and has a degree in professional sales. He studied Blackfeet language and philosophy at the Blackfeet Community College for two years and has learned continuously about traditional art forms from elders and other Blackfeet artists.

In 2004 and 2009 Darrell was honored with the *Artist in Business Leadership Award* by the *First Peoples Fund*. In 2002 with *Community Spirit Award* for his efforts to keep traditional Blackfeet art forms alive.

In 2007 Darrell was named outstanding alumni by the North Seattle Community College



## ***Angelika Harden-Norman***

**Co Owner and Manager**

**Originated from Hamburg, Germany**

Angelika Harden-Norman's degrees are in Physical Therapy and in Social Work. The Green Party in Germany honored her for her studies of Social Work for Women with a grant.

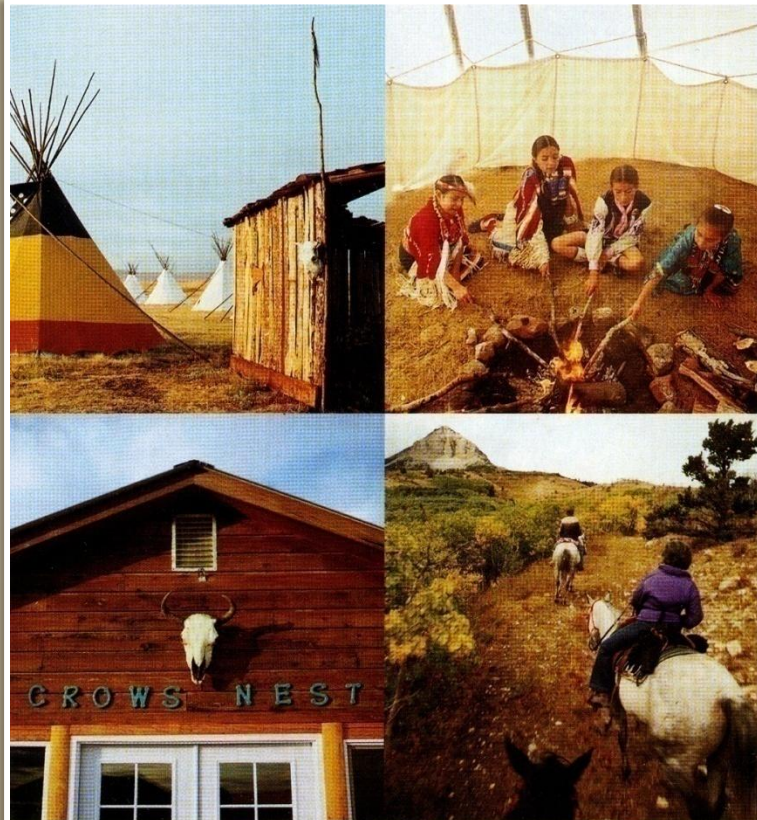
She has managed the Lodgepole Gallery & Tipi Village since 1999 and is now working as artist and photographer as well.

In 2007 she graduated from Montana State University in Great Falls studying arts marketing.

# Media Coverage

- **National Geographic 1995**
- **Associated Press, featured article, 1996**
- **Seattle Magazine 1996**
- **New York Times, front page, 1998**
- **Native Peoples Magazine, 2002, 2003**
- **Cowboys & Indians, 2003**
- **National Geographic Adventure 2006**
- **Travel & Leisure Family, 2007**
- **Sunset Magazine, 2007**
- **Today Show, 2007**
- **Extreme Hotels (coffee table book) 2007**

# Travel & Leisure Family Article



**A PRAIRIE HOME VACATION** Clockwise from top left: Guest tipis and a picnic shelter; tending the fire; en route to Heart Butte Mountain in Glacier National Park; the dining hall and arts workshop.

## LODGEPOLE GALLERY & TIPI VILLAGE BROWNING, MONTANA

Oh, give me a home, where the buffalo—and a herd of Spanish mustangs—still roam. Canvas guest tipis at this camp on Blackfeet land face east to welcome the sun and block westerly winds. At night, a fire will warm your family as you sleep on the ground (in sleeping bags atop cushioned mats). By day, learn how to craft a parfleche (rawhide tote), rattle, and drum with the camp's owner, Darrell Norman, a Blackfeet artist. Then head to adjacent Glacier National Park for some hiking, trout fishing, and horseback riding. Or go on a history hunt with Norman. He'll show you medicine rocks—sacred sandstone guideposts for the nomadic tribe—and ancient bones embedded in the earth beneath the Two Medicine River “buffalo jump,” a cliff over which hunters drove their prey. Back at the lodge, Norman and his wife, Angelika, serve a traditional feast of roasted buffalo, Anasazi beans, acorn squash, and soup made from blueberry-like saskatoons. Stick around for fireside singing and storytelling—and the chance to beat your own drum.



406/338-2787; [blackfeetculturecamp.com](http://blackfeetculturecamp.com); two-night packages \$395 for two adults, plus \$96 per child, including meals, outings, and entertainment.

**Summer 2007**



# Contact Info

The background of the entire image is a photograph of four white tipis (teepees) set up on a grassy field. The tipis are arranged in a row, with the largest one on the left and three smaller ones to its right. Each tipi has a bundle of wooden poles protruding from its top. The sky is a clear, pale blue, and the ground is covered in dry, yellowish-brown grass. The text is overlaid on the top left and top right of the image.

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Presentation by Angelika Harden – Norman  
Lodgepole Gallery & Tipi Village 2010  
Photos: Angelika Harden–Norman © 1999 - 2009



Sharing Blackfeet culture & promoting Blackfeet art since 1993